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Attn: Jennifer L. McCarthy, Chief Regulatory Division

**RE: Federal Coastal Zone Management Consistency Determination
Reissuance of Connecticut General Permit
Application No. 201603722**

Dear Ms. McCarthy:

I am writing in response to the March 9, 2016 letter requesting a coastal zone management consistency concurrence for the reissuance of the State of Connecticut General Permit ("GP").

Your request for water quality certification is addressed under separate cover. The Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection ("CTDEEP") concurs that the reissuance of the GP, attached hereto, is consistent with the enforceable policies of Connecticut's Coastal Zone Management Program ("CZMP") under 15 CFR 930. Further, we find that Self Verification (SV) eligible activities in inland waters and wetlands as described in the GP are substantively consistent with the CZMP.

Substantive evaluation of Pre-Construction Notification (PNC) eligible activities in inland waters and wetlands and SV and PNC eligible activities in tidal and navigable waters, including the Connecticut River, will continue to be made on a case by case basis during the State of Connecticut's regulatory review under the Structures Dredging and Fill, Tidal Wetlands, Certificate of Permission, General Permit, and Water Quality Certification processes. As you may know, in certain situations the State permitting authority for aquaculture activities resides with the State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture. In those instances where aquaculture activities are exempt from coastal structures regulation at CTDEEP, the substantive evaluation of PNC eligible aquaculture activities will continue to be made on a case-by-case basis through CTDEEP's federal consistency review process where appropriate.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Brian Golembiewski of my staff at (860) 424-3867 or brian.golembiewski@ct.gov.

Yours truly,

Michael J. Sullivan
Deputy Commissioner

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